

WHITE PAINTING

Made painting tonight
after year
of not painting.
Tried to paint soul
but don't know how.
Painting ended up
almost pure white.
Doesn't look like
I did anything.

HOMEMADE WINE

Good friends talking &
drinking homemade wine
confess to having
nocturnal emissions.
Sounds like a perfume
says one of the ladies.

BUCK

At peak of their
event she urges
him to buck more.
Buck buck buck
she says which he
does until he collapses
out of breath &
whispers I'm broken.
Later thinking about
it she says that
was pretty good
'specially the horse
broke part. I didn't
mean it like that
he says. I meant
like a flat tire.

1962 SUM

Before work today
friend Jim handed
me an old sloppily
mimeographed magazine
filled with poems by
obscure poets none
of whom he knew
until he met me.

PATCH

Eyes have mysteriously
grown independent.
Each chooses its
own field of vision.
This prompts me
to discriminate &
patch one so I
can drive to work.

REPRIEVE

Get a reprieve.
Don't have brain
tumor as
suspected.
Step into bathroom
to brush teeth
& think about it.
Notice tiny black
ants scouting
faucet toothpaste
tube & wall.
Old paint shows
thru newer paint
in random patterns.
Gently squeeze
paste on brush
& catch child's
smile in mirror.

SHARP SHOOTER

Each night go
out with our
two dogs & piss
on redwood deck
careful to aim
between 2 x 4s
where maverick
bamboo shoots
dare to intrude.